Statement

Details of total quantity of narcotic drugs lying in the godowns of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)

(In kgs.)

Zonal Unit of NCB	Opium	Morphine	Heroin	Ganja	Hashish	Cocaine	Metha-qualone
Delhi	22.476	2.900+18 ampules	526.030	0	452.384	0.208	605.410
Mumbai	5.000	0	151.000	2517.500	301.180	0.750	2202.610
Chennai	18.750	0	308.111	1570.367	0	0	11.300
Ahmeda'ba	0	0	0	0	599.953	0	0
Chandigarh	23.090	0	8.000	0	97.005	0.003	0
Varanasi	10.576	0.300+24 ampules	11.003	249.075	22.006	0	0
Jodhpur	81.154	0	212.302	0	27.258	0	4.910
Jammu	0	0	15.000	0	9.600	0	0
Kolkata	37.270	0	103.478	7598.628	38.014	0	110152 Tabs+ 0.2kg
TOTAL	198.316	3.200+42 ampules	1334.924	11935.56	1547.396	0.961	2824.43 +110152 Tabs

Acquisition of shares by ONGC in MRPL

1446. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC is planning to buy the BIRLA share of Mangalore Refinery (MRPL);

(b) if so, the progress made so far;

(c) what the price ONGC is planning to offer to MRPL shares; and

(d) the reasons for ONGC diverting its funds into refinery instead of its core business of exploration and development of oil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has informed that the Corporation is currently examining various aspects of the prospects of acquisition of

stakes in Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL) to become a vertically integrated company.

Losses suffered by oil companies in post APM era

1447. SHRIMATIAMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Oil, Hindustan Petroleum, Bharat Petroleum and IBP have together lost about Rs. 1600 crore in the first 45 days of dismantling of administered princing mechanism from April 1, on account of selling products below the cost of crude;

(b) if so, whether he has stated that the 10th Five Year Plan should take into account the previous achievements and reflect ground realities;

(c) whether he has also sought changes in the draft plan document relating to the Ministry including privatisation of oil companies; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to check the loss suffered by these companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d) With a view to facilitate a smooth transition from the Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM) era to a free market scenario, the public sector oil companies did not increase the price of petrol and diesel in the months of April and May, 2002. An appropriate financial mechanism will be devised to consider their effects on oil marketing companies. They have increased the prices of petrol and diesel in June 2002 taking into account the prevalent international oil prices.

Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has suggested that various programmes relating to improving oil security in the country may be duly highlighted in the Tenth Five Year Plan document. Relevant details on developments in the petroleum sector during the Ninth Plan and thrust areas for the Tenth Plan will be appropriately incorporated.

Availability of CNG

1448. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state: